

E-Rate funds have been crucial to the success of our technology programs and our County-Area Community Network. We are able to provide a 50MB Internet Pipe for the 1,500 students that we serve county-wide in 3 school districts. This also serves 9,000 Library Patrons in 6 Public Libraries county-wide.

Without E-Rate funds, we would only be able to afford a 25 to 30 MB connection. This would in no way support the needs we have today. Plus, with the increased level of services that will be going to web including College and Career Readiness assessments and instructional resources we will need to grow this pipe to 150 MB by 2015. This will NOT be feasible in Rural America without continued, and hopefully expanded, E-Rate Services.

Respectfully,

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